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SUBJECT: INFCE PROPOSAL: SOVIETS REACT POSITIVELY

REF: A. STATE 184505, B. STATE 156342, C. MOSCOW 11342

1. EMBOFF GAVE COPY OF INFCE PROPOSAL (REF A) TO MFA IO
DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF ROLAND TIMERBAYEV AUGUST 10 AND MADE
POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2 AND PARA 6. SCIOFF TOOK SAME
PACKAGE TO PUSTYNTSEV OF SCAE AUGUST 9.

2. IN QUICKLY READING MATERIAL TIMERBAYEV SAID THIS WAS
THE KIND OF DETAILED INFORMATION WHICH THE SOVIETS WERE
LOOKING FOR BEFORE RESPONDING TO OUR COMMENTS ON THE SUB-
JECT IN WASHINGTON (REF B). HE CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIETS
WERE INTERESTED IN THE IDEA OF A FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION
BUT DID NOT FEEL THAT THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN SUFFICIENT INFOR-
MATION ABOUT THE U.S. IDEA TO MAKE A DECISION. THIS HE
CONTRASTED WITH THE "DETAILS" GIVEN IN PARIS TO THE
SIX LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS BY THE U.S.
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3. TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT THE U.S. PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE
TO BE STUDIED BEFORE A DEFINITIVE REPLY COULD BE
GIVEN, BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE SOVIETS REMAIN
VERY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN A
MULTINATIONAL FUEL CYCLE STUDY. REFERRING TO THE
SECTION ENTITLED "ORGANIZATION", HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE

THE ROLE BEING THOUGHT OF FOR THE IAEA, AND THOUGHT THAT PUTTING THE PROJECT "UNDER THE AEGIS" OF THE IAEA "AS YOU ARE SUGGESTING" WAS NOT A BAD IDEA. EMBOFF SAID THAT IT WAS NOT HIS UNDERSTANDING FROM THE CONTENTS OF THE PAPER THAT THE U.S. WAS PROPOSING TO PLACE THE EVALUATION WORK UNDER THE IAEA, BUT THAT IAEA COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION WAS ENVISAGED. TIMERBAYEV ALSO NOTED, REGARDING FUNDING, THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON THAT THE U.S. WOULD AGREE TO UNDERWRITE A MAJOR SHARE OF THE COSTS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THE U.S. THOUGHT THE PROJECT SHOULD BE FUNDED. THESE LAST TWO POINTS, HE SUGGESTED, COULD BE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH IN THE U.S.-SOVIET BILATERALS WHICH HE HAD SUGGESTED PRECEDE AND FOLLOW THE

SEPTEMBER LONDON CLUB MEETING (REF C). THE SOVIETS WILL BE PREPARED TO RESPOND AT THAT TIME TO THE U.S PROPOSAL.

4. COMMENT: TIMERBAYEV HAD ALREADY NOTED THE SUGGESTED MID-OCTOBER DATE FOR A CONFERENCE BEFORE HE OFFERED A SOVIET RESPONSE AT THE TIME OF THE LONDON CLUB MEETINGS. HE ALSO NOTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOVIET REPLY THAT MOROKHOV WAS ON LEAVE UNTIL
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EARLY SEPTEMBER. PUSTYNTSEV, WHOSE REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL WAS POSITIVE, ALSO REMARKED TO SCIOFF THAT THE SOVIET RESPONSE WOULD REQUIRE SOME TIME BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN SCAE AND MFA.
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